

# CUSOP HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER February 2018



## THE PENOYRE FAMILY

We were fortunate in February to have a talk by Mary Penoyre Morgan about the history of her family and the Moor Estate. When Clifford Priory was dissolved between 1535 and 1540, the lands were sold off to powerful local families, in particular to the Moor estate owned by the Penoyre family. During the Civil War 1646 Thomas Penoyre was imprisoned in Hereford charged with forcing people to fight for the king. Many of his goods were confiscated and in September 1648 parliamentary troops plundered the Penoyre family house at The Moor. James Penoyre, his oldest son, had also fought for the king, despite being only 16, and was wounded. After the war the family retrieved most of their possessions, and in 1655 James married Dorothy Lloyd and settled at Hardwicke Court, where Mary Penoyre Morgan's son still lives today. We also heard about the alleged ghost stories of Black Vaughan, how it was used by the American GIs as a base during WWII and how the Moor big house (pictured below) was demolished in 1952 and the stone sold for £1000. A very interesting talk and we had 55 people attending. A transcript is available for anyone who missed it.



## APPORTIONMENT 1866

At the meeting Mary Penoyre Morgan very kindly gave Cusop History Group the official Copy document that was made of "The Parish of Cusop Apportionment 1866". This will be the subject of more research as it contains a wealth of interesting material relating to landowners, tenants and occupations. Contact has been made with Herefordshire Archives and Records Centre for advice on preservation.

They have recommended encapsulating the delicate tracings of maps, which would then allow researchers to work safely with the materials. If you want to join our research group then please contact us for more information.



## FUTURE TALKS

Our next event is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm when keen collector of historical local film/TV, John Price will be showing us "Fascinating Local Social History" film and audio.

On Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Mari Fforde will be talking about the history of Kington Camp and how the now crumbling remains of the concrete and brick huts on the Hergest Road into Kington served as a vital home to huge numbers of British, Polish and American troops from the 1930s to the 1950s. Mari's research has also revealed an exciting find which adds to the amazing story of Kington Camp.

## CUSOP HISTORY WALK

We will be arranging a summer history walk. Details are currently being developed.

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